

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (*Currently Amended*) A method for imaging a device, the method comprising the steps of:

creating an imaging server policy, wherein the imaging server policy comprises at least one rule that is applied to the device that receives or provides~~for enabling an image server to provide at least one image to the device;~~

creating ~~an~~ the at least one image of the device;

placing a representation of the at least one image of the device into a directory;

customizing the at least one image to form at least one customized image; and

placing the at least one customized image ~~of the device~~ on the device.

A¹ 2. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of creating ~~an optional a device object wherein the device has a representation to~~ represent the device in the directory.

3. (*Original*) The method of claim 2 wherein at least one policy is associated with the device object.

4. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 2, wherein the at least one image is associated with the device object.

5. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of associating the at least one image of the device with at least one object in the directory.

6. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of customizing the at least one image comprises ~~the step of storing a base image of a~~ the device in the directory,

wherein at least one additional image is associated with the base image.

7. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of customizing the at least one image further comprises ~~the step of~~ defining one or more file sets, wherein the file sets are inserted into a corresponding one of the at least one image.

8. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of customizing the at least one image further comprises ~~the step of~~ inserting one or more application images associated with one or more user characteristics in a corresponding one of the at least one image.

9. (*Original*) The method of claim 1 wherein the device comprises a workstation.

A 10. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 5, wherein the step of associating the at least one image of the device ~~to one or more objects with~~ at least one object in the directory further comprises establishing at least one relationship with at least one policy in the directory.

11. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of directly associating an image object with a device object, wherein at ~~least~~ least one specified image is applied to the device regardless of rules specified in at least one policy.

12. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~one or more rules are~~ the at least one rule is based on hardware characteristics of the device and wherein ~~an~~ the at least one image associated with a matching rule is applied to the device.

13. (*Currently Amended*) A system for imaging a device, the system comprising the steps of:

an imaging server policy wherein the imaging server policy comprises at least one rule that is applied to the device that receives or provides ~~for enabling an image server to provide at~~

least one image ~~to the device~~;

a-creating means for creating ~~an~~ the at least one image of the device;

a-placement means for placing a representation of the at least one image of the device into a directory;

a-customization means for customizing the at least one image to form ~~a~~ at least one customized image; and

a-device placement means for placing the at least one customized image ~~of the device on~~ the device.

14. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 13, further comprising ~~an optional~~ a device object wherein ~~the device has a representation~~ that represents the device in the directory.

15. (*Original*) The system of claim 14 wherein at least one policy is associated with the device object.

16. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 14 wherein the at least one image is associated with the device object.

17. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 13 further comprising ~~an~~ association means for associating the at least one image of the device with at least one object in the directory.

18. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 13, wherein the customization means comprises storing means for storing a base image of ~~a~~ the device in the directory and wherein at least one additional image is associated with the base image.

19. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 13, wherein the customization means comprises definition means for defining one or more file sets and wherein the one or more file

sets are inserted into a corresponding one of the at least one image.

20. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 13 wherein the customization means comprises insertion means for inserting one or more application images associated with one or more user characteristics into a corresponding one of the at least one image.

21. (*Original*) The system of claim 13 wherein the device comprises a workstation.

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22. (*Original*) The system of claim 17 wherein the association means comprises establishing means for establishing at least one relationship with at least one policy in the directory.

23. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 13 further comprising direct association means for directly associating an image object with a device object wherein at ~~least~~ least one specified image is applied to the device regardless of rules specified in at least one policy.

24. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 13, wherein ~~one or more rules are the~~ at least one rule is based on hardware characteristics of the device and wherein ~~an~~ at least one image associated with a matching rule is applied to the device.
